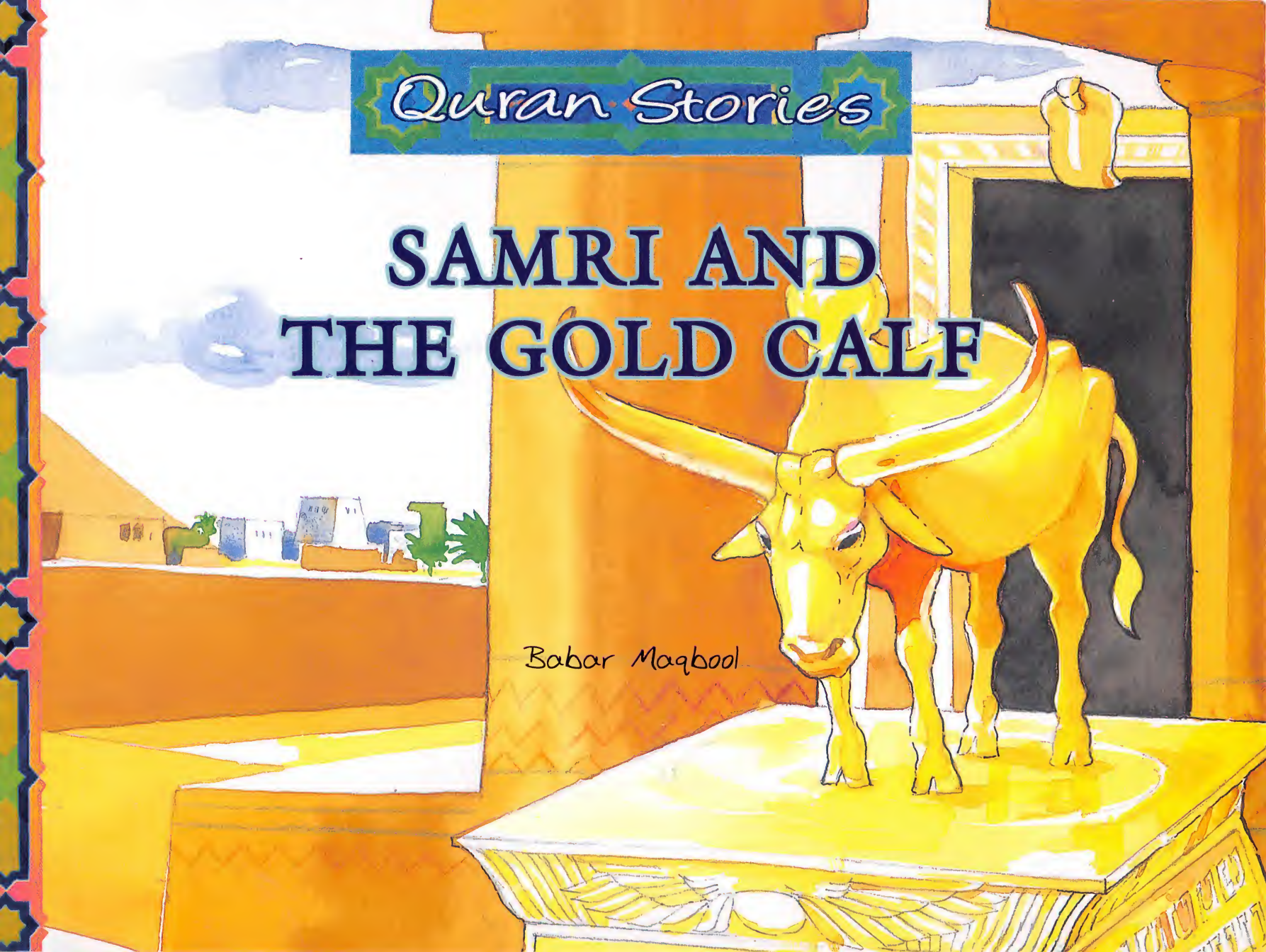


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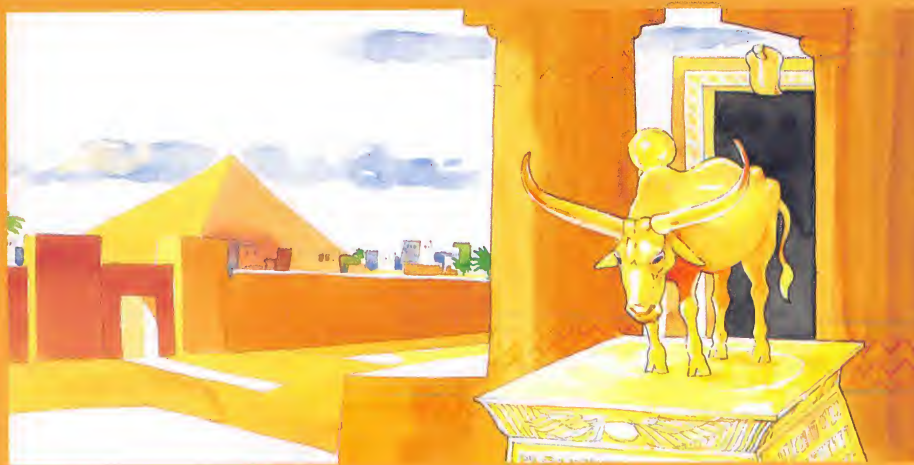
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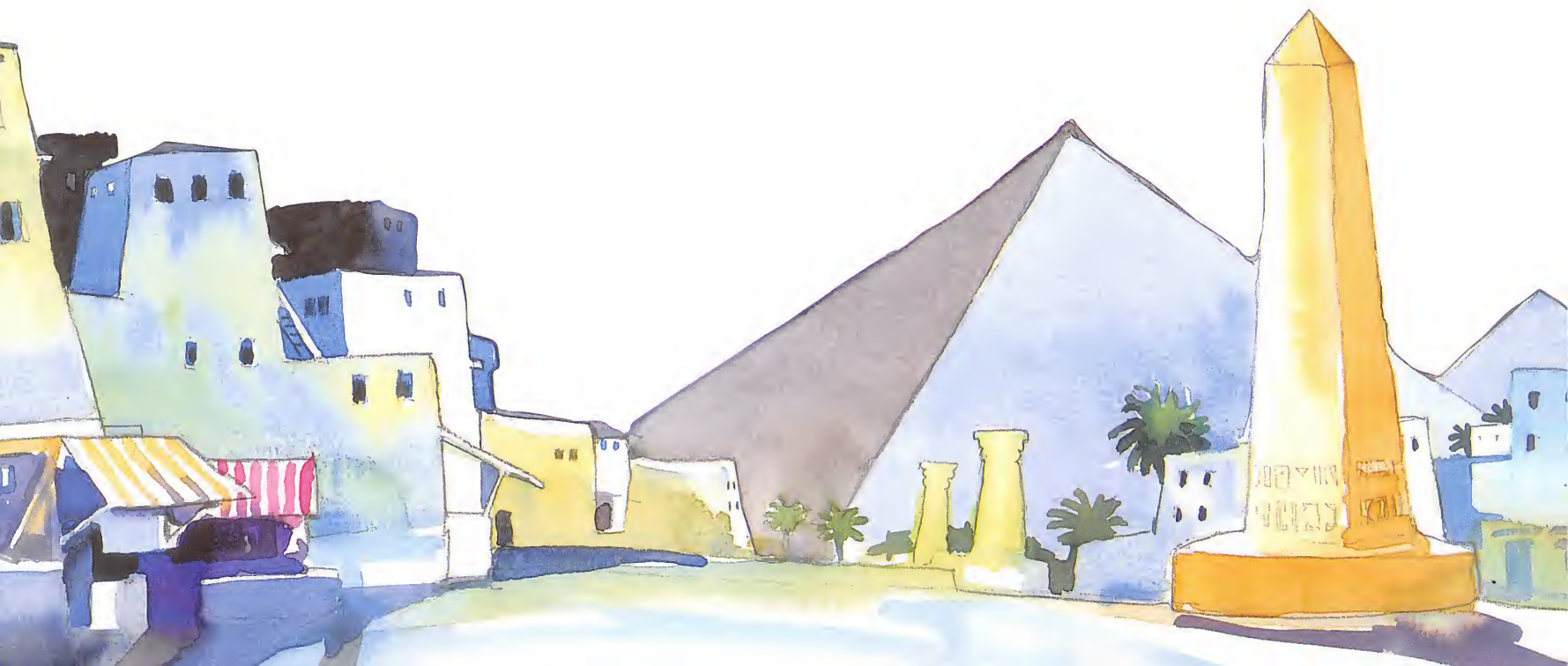
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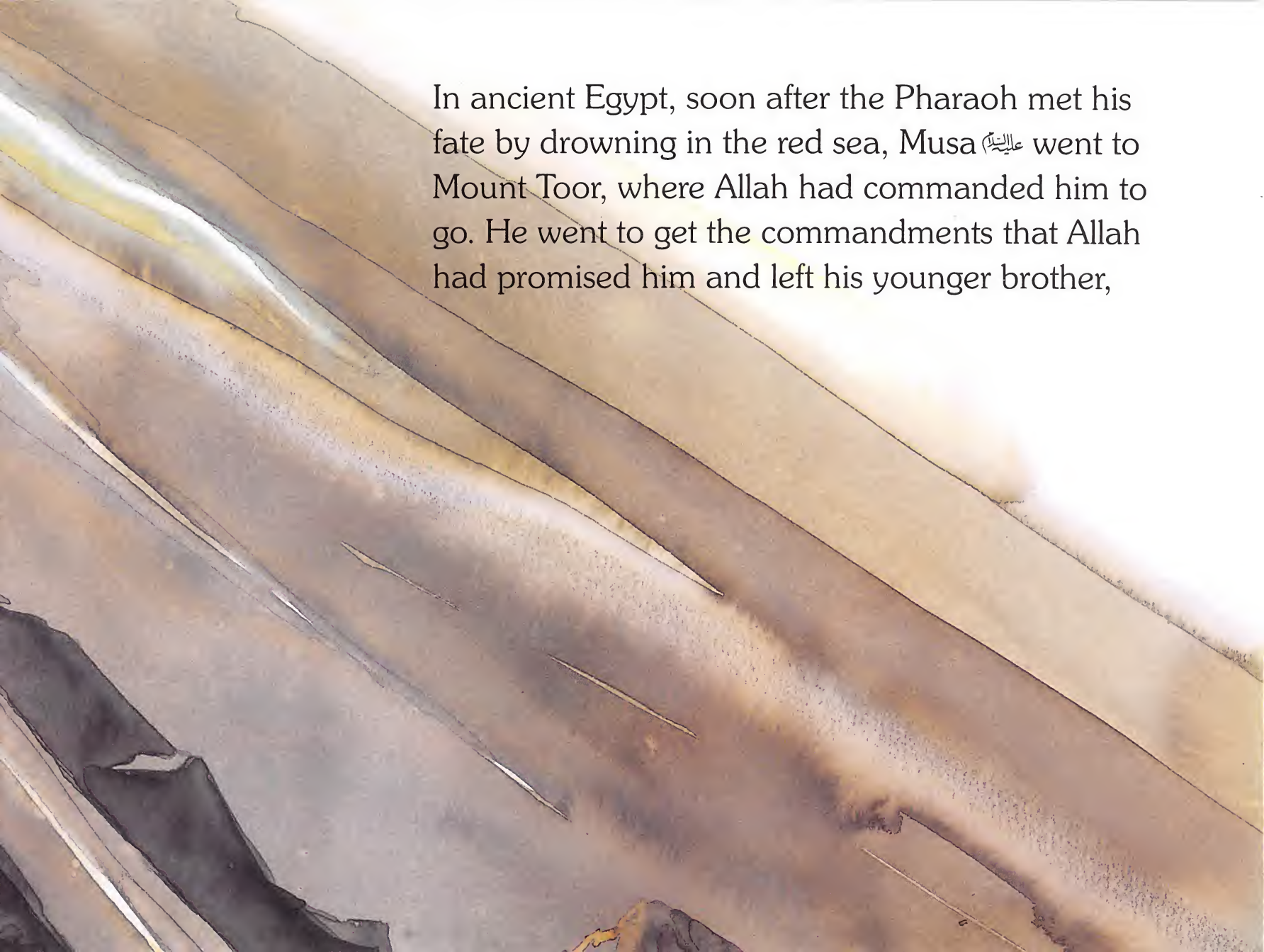
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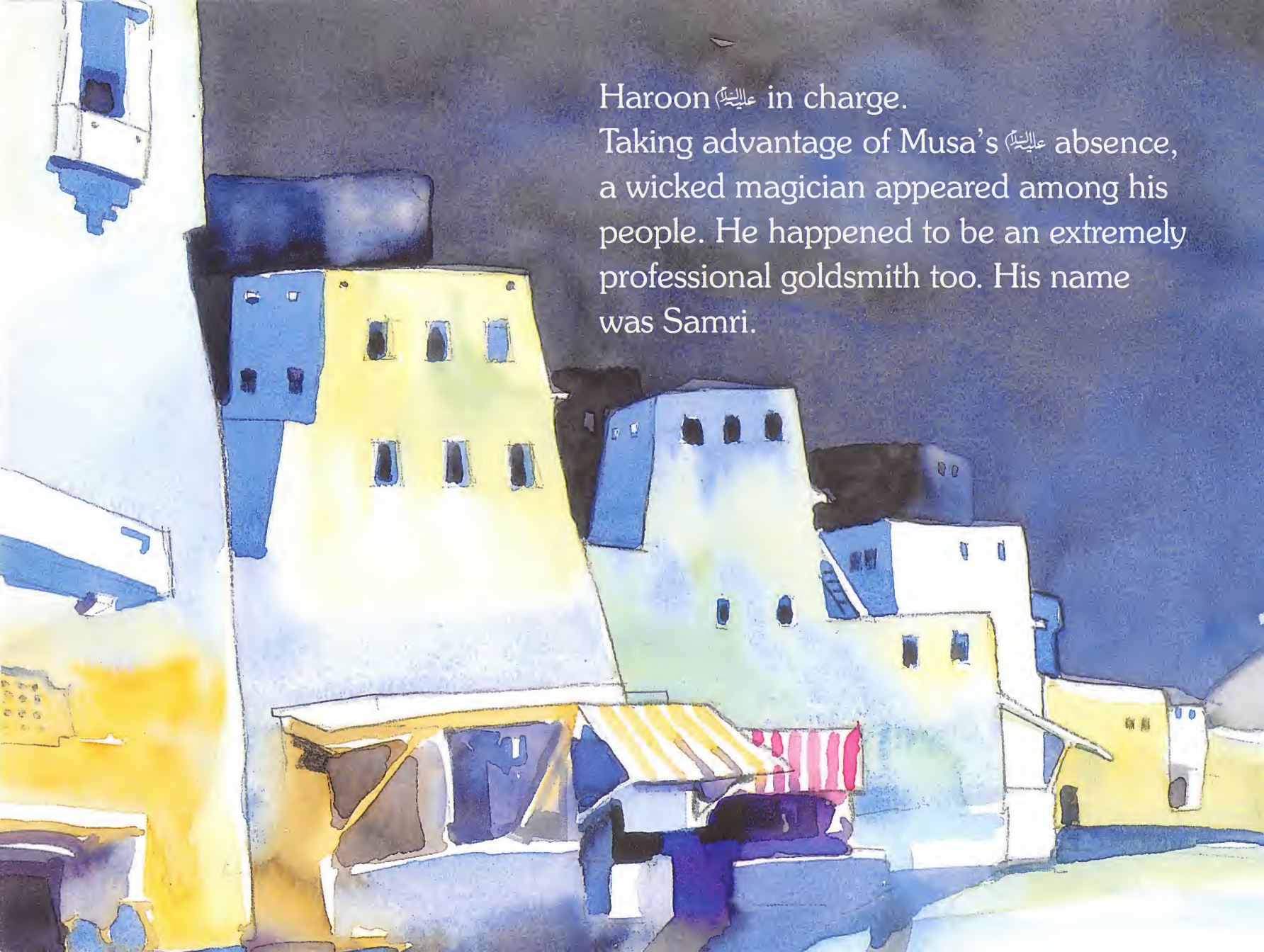
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In ancient Egypt, soon after the Pharaoh met his fate by drowning in the red sea, Musa عليه السلام went to Mount Toor, where Allah had commanded him to go. He went to get the commandments that Allah had promised him and left his younger brother,

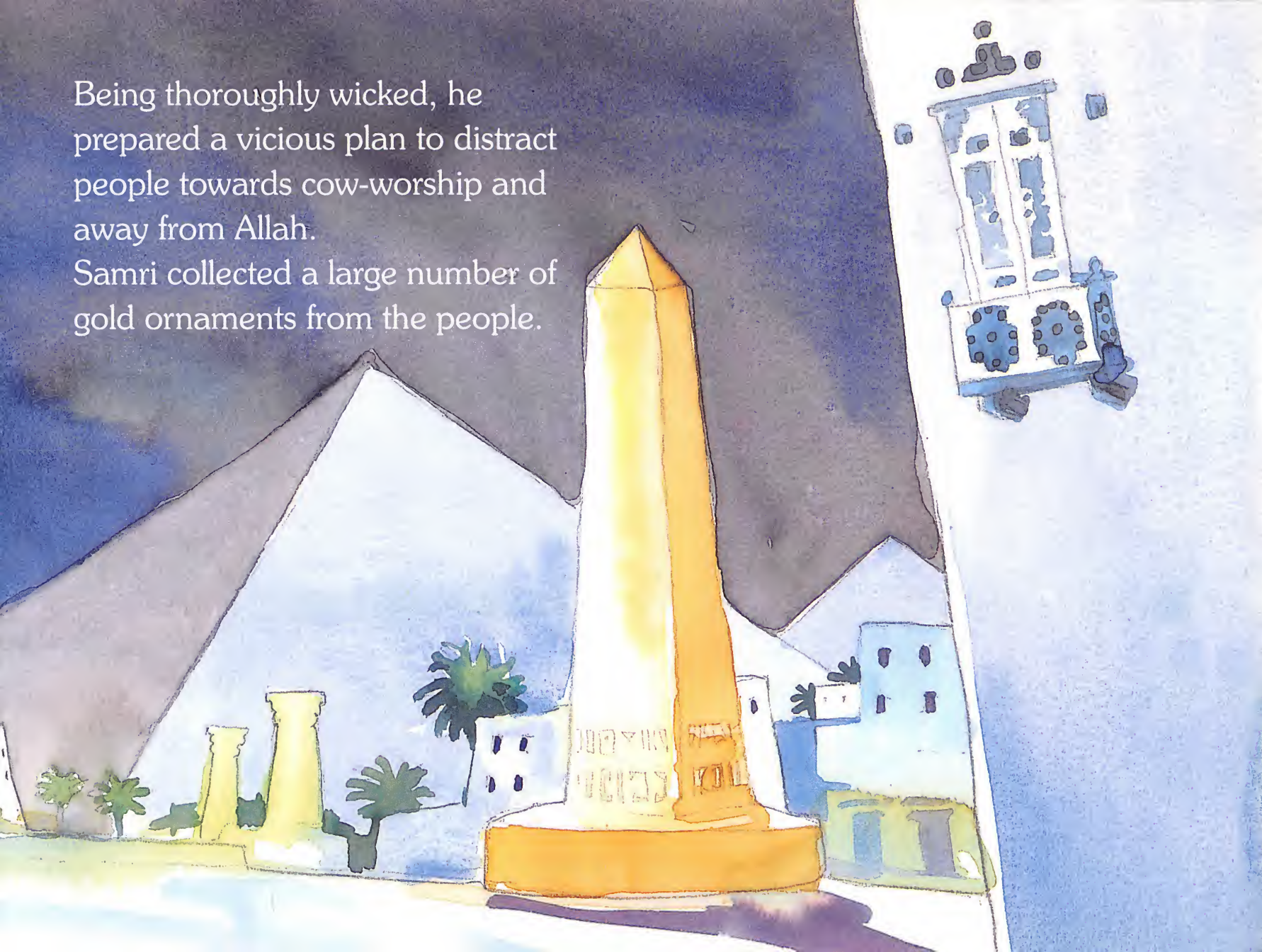


Haroon عليه السلام in charge.

Taking advantage of Musa's عليه السلام absence,
a wicked magician appeared among his
people. He happened to be an extremely
professional goldsmith too. His name
was Samri.

Being thoroughly wicked, he prepared a vicious plan to distract people towards cow-worship and away from Allah.

Samri collected a large number of gold ornaments from the people.



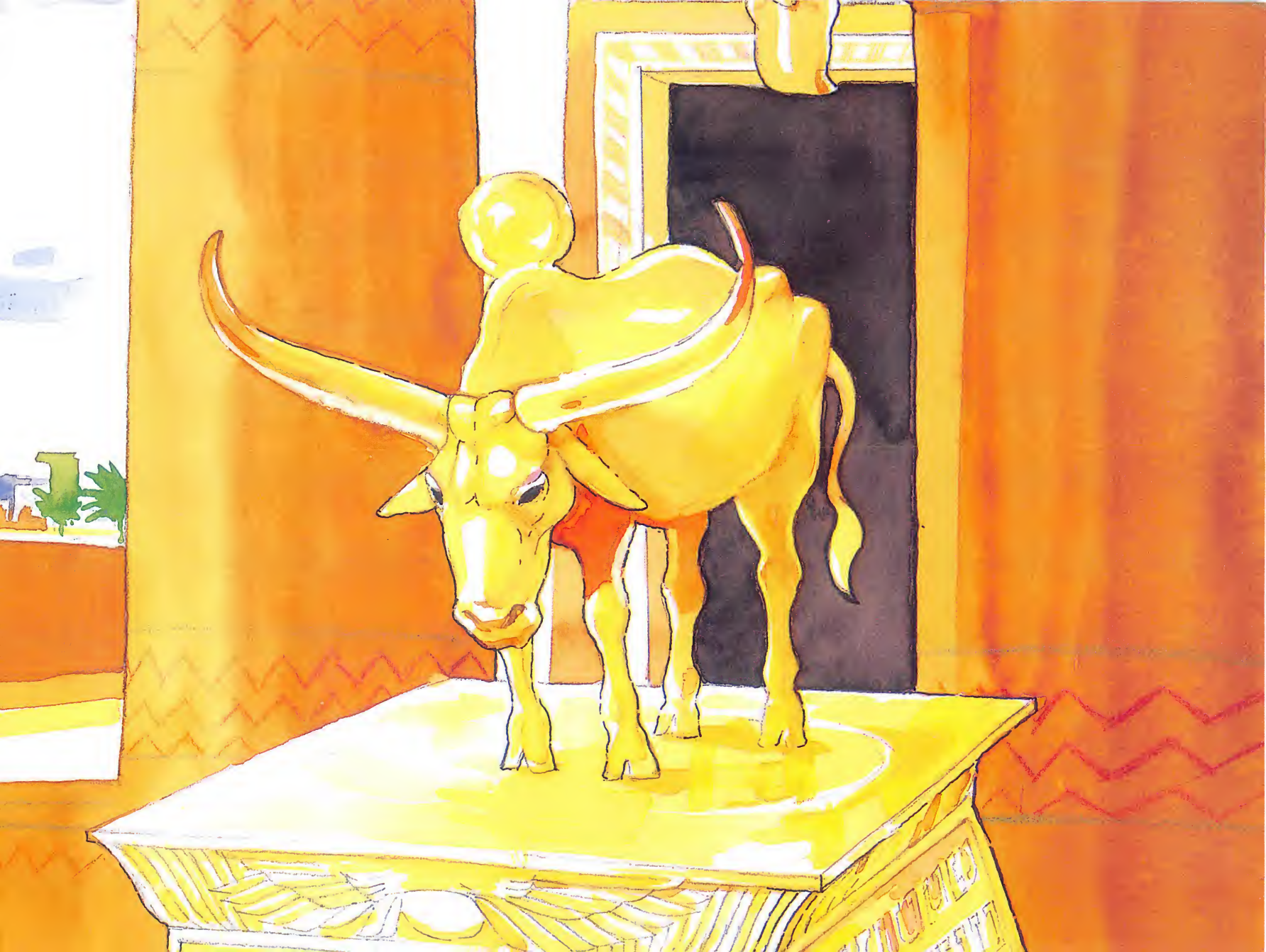
He then melted those ornaments in a large furnace and moulded a gold calf from it. It had an opening in front and one at the back and when the wind blew through these, it produced a whistling sound.





Samri then placed the gold calf on open exhibition. He went along telling people that one morning he accidentally saw Gabriel عليه السلام (the angel) riding a horse. He said the earth coming underneath his horse's hooves








was becoming marvelously fertile, and fresh greenery was sprouting all over. He said he took a handful of that magical dust and preserved it. He convinced the people that he had then put the sacred dust into the furnace and that was what caused the calf to emit whistling sounds.

He told the people, “Here is your real god and the god of Musa عليه السلام, whom he has forgotten. You stand to gain nothing by following Musa عليه السلام and Haroon عليه السلام.”

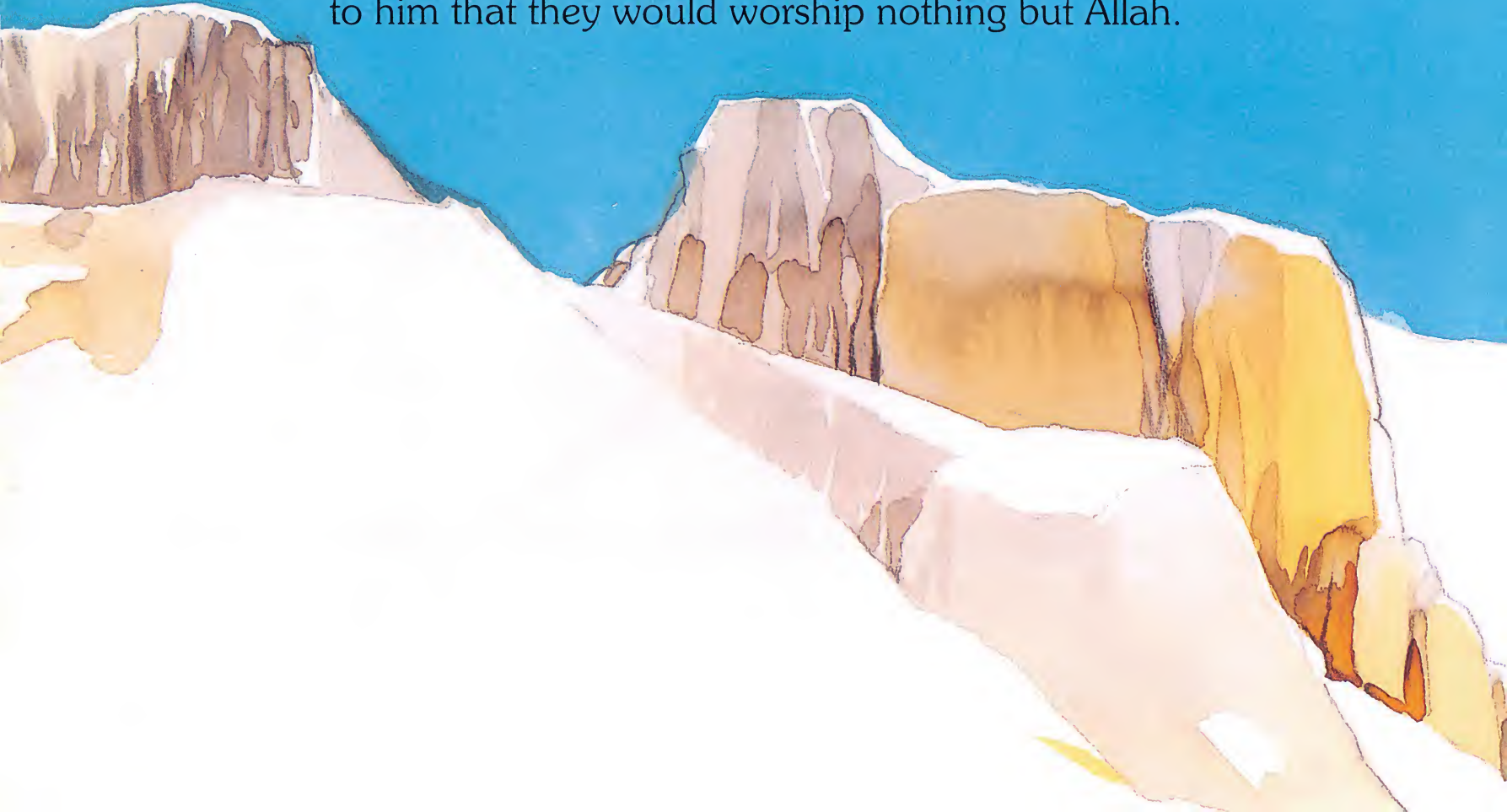






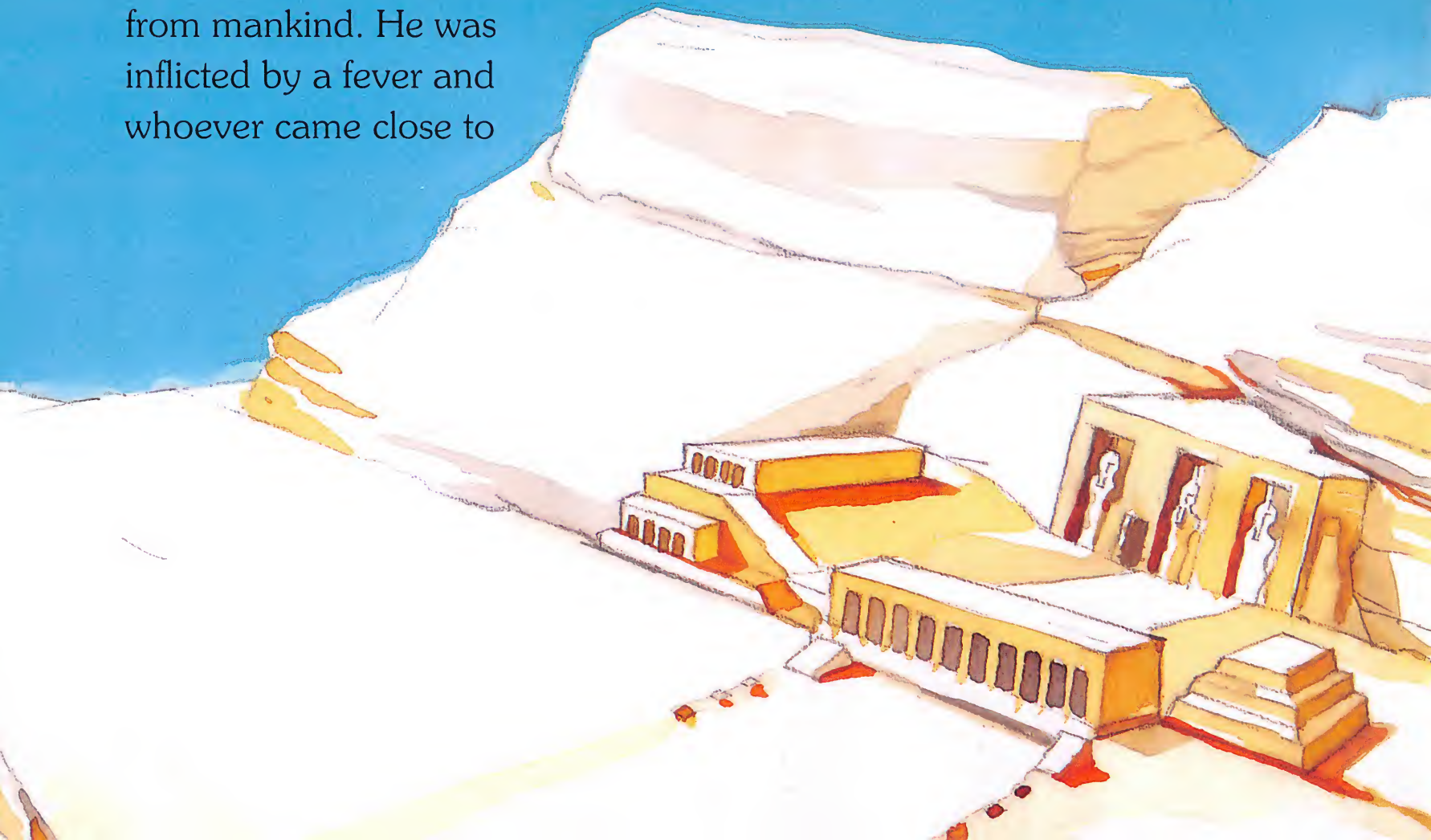
Haroon عليه السلام tried his best to warn the people that their faiths were being tested by Allah. But the people went on falling deeper and deeper into Samri's luring traps.
When Musa عليه السلام returned from Mount Toor and saw the

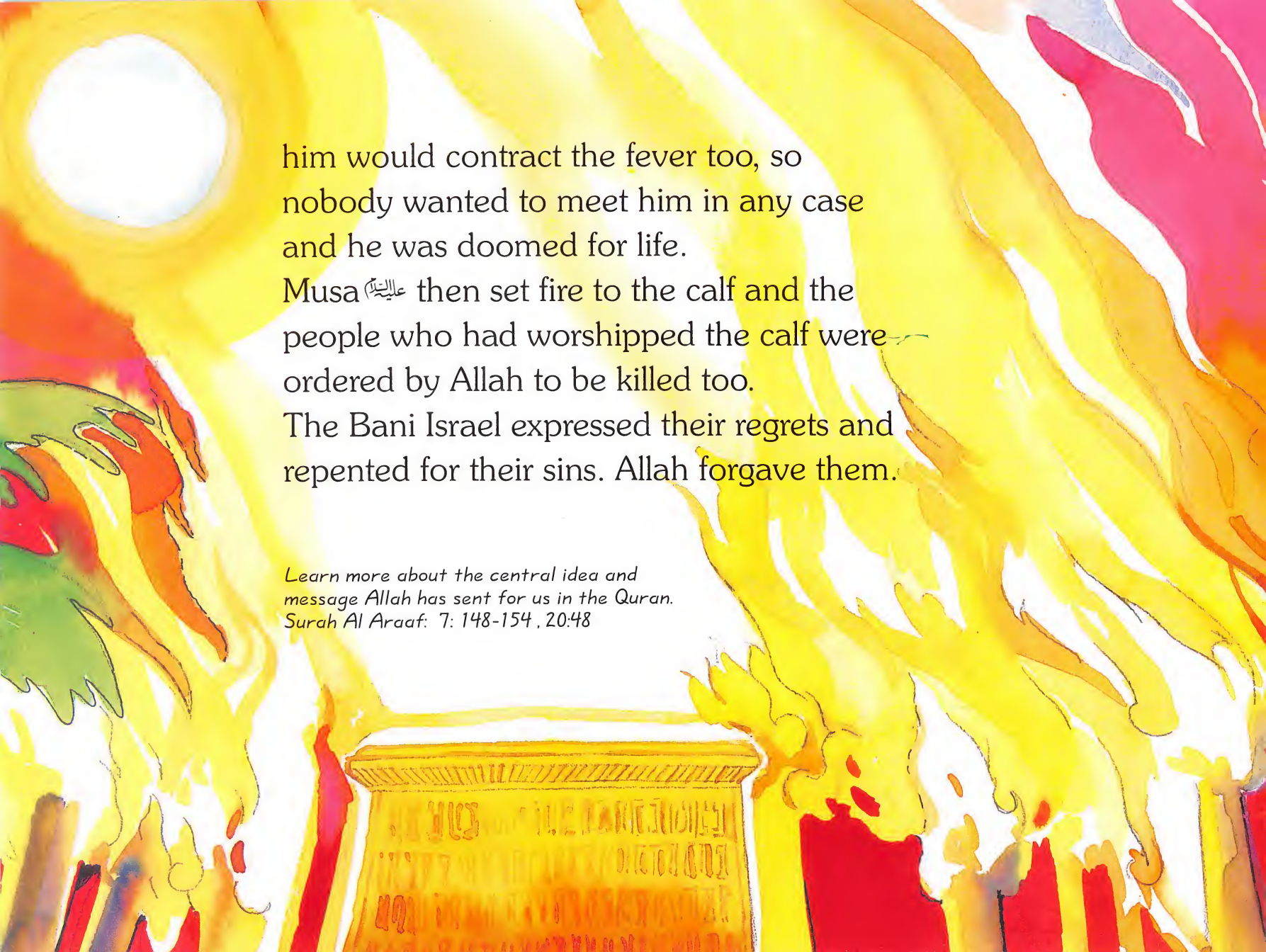
people worshipping the gold calf, he was extremely annoyed with his brother Haroon عليه السلام , who explained his situation. Then Musa عليه السلام turned to his people in anger and anguish, asking them for an explanation. He wanted to know why they had broken their promise to him that they would worship nothing but Allah.



They said, “We did not break the promise to you of our own will, but we were made to do this because Samri convinced us.”

Musa عليه السلام prayed to Allah to punish Samri, who was then exiled away from mankind. He was inflicted by a fever and whoever came close to





him would contract the fever too, so nobody wanted to meet him in any case and he was doomed for life.

Musa عليه السلام then set fire to the calf and the people who had worshipped the calf were ordered by Allah to be killed too.

The Bani Israel expressed their regrets and repented for their sins. Allah forgave them.

*Learn more about the central idea and message Allah has sent for us in the Quran.
Surah Al Araaf: 7: 148-154, 20:48*

